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The Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

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I've searched for and change my cell phone service because I won't pay high phone bills. I've promised my wife, were it not for a phone line to get emails, I'd cancel my home landline. I will not pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal would make my current service more expensive than I can justify.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF as it is!

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